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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, JO, IS, EG, (STAPLETON, RUTH)
SUBJECT:TRAVEL OF RUTH CARTER STAPLETON

REF: JERUSALEM 2501

1. PALACE OFFICIALS HAVE NOW PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH
SCHEDULE FOR VISIT OF RUTH STAPLETON. MONDAY SEPT. 11:
9:00 A.M. MRS. STAPLETON AND PARTY CROSS JORDAN RIVER

-- BRIDGE. GROUP WILL BE MET BY ROYAL PROTOCOL
-- OFFICER ADNAN TALHOUNI AND EMBASSY POLITICAL
-- OFFICER ELIZABETH JONES. PROCEED BY CAR TO
-- HELICOPTER PAD, APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES FROM
-- BRIDGE.

9:10 A.M. ARRIVE AT THE HELICOPTER PAD AND BOARD HELICOPTERS

-- FOR A ONE AND A HALF HOUR TRIP TO PETRA. TWO
-- HELICOPTERS ARE BEING PROVIDED BY JORDANIAN
-- GOVERNMENT FOR THIS EXCURSION. AS EACH HOLDS ONLY
-- THREE PASSENGERS IN ADDITION TO PILOT AND CO-
-- PILOT, GROUP WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO PETRA BY
-- ONLY MR. TALHOUNI. MS. JONES WILL RETURN TO

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-- AMMAN WITH PARTY'S LUGGAGE.
10:45 A.M.(APPROXIMATELY) ARRIVE AT PETRA. GROUP WILL BE
-- MET BY AN EXPERIENCED PETRA GUIDE AND ESCORTED
-- THROUGH THE ANCIENT CITY. TOUR WILL TAKE ABOUT
-- TWO HOURS.
1:00 P.M. TOUR OF PETRA ENDS. LUNCH, WHICH WILL BE A
-- SERVED IN THE PETRA REST HOUSE.

2:30 P.M. BOARD HELICOPTERS FOR RETURN FLIGHT TO AMMAN.

4:00 P.M. ARRIVE IN AMMAN. PROCEED TO THE GOVERNMENT GUEST

- HOUSE, WHERE THE STAPLETON PARTY WILL BE LODGED
- DURING THEIR STAY IN JORDAN. THE GUEST HOUSE
- IS ABOUT 15 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE PALACE
- COMPOUND.

LATE AFTERNOON: MRS. STAPLETON WILL BE RECEIVED BY CROWN

- PRINCE HASSAN FOLLOWING THE GROUP'S RETURN FROM
- PETRA. IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PALACE PRACTICE,
- THE EXACT TIME FOR THIS APPOINTMENT WILL BE SET
- ONCE MRS. STAPLETON HAS ARRIVED IN AMMAN.

EVENING: EMBASSY HAS PASSED ON TO PALACE OFFICIALS

- MRS. STAPLETON'S REQUEST THAT SHE HAVE AN EARLY
- EVENING SEPTEMBER 11 IN VIEW OF HER EARLY
- DEPARTURE NEXT MORNING. PALACE WANTS VERY MUCH
- TO OFFER SOME FORM OF HOSPITALITY DURING EVENING
- BUT PROMISES TO TAKE MRS. STAPLETON'S REQUEST
- INTO CONSIDERATION IN MAKING PLANS.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

7:15 A.M. DEPART GUEST HOUSE FOR AIRPORT

7:45 A.M. ARRIVE AT AMMAN AIRPORT

8:30 A.M. BOARD MS 815 FOR CAIRO

2. SINCE PETRA AREA IS VERY ROCKY, MRS. STAPLETON AND HER
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COMPANIONS SHOULD BE ADVISED TO WEAR STURDY WALKING SHOES.
HATS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THE SUN WOULD ALSO BE ADVISABLE.
THE LADIES MAY BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN SLACKS FOR THEIR
TOUR. GOJ WILL PROVIDE SECURITY THROUGHOUT VISIT.
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